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AND HEALTH SERVICES

MEGHAN DAVEY
Director

G.R.,
PETITIONER,
v.
UNITED HEALTHCARE,
RESPONDENT.
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
FINAL AGENCY DECISION
OAL DKT. NO. HMA 12519-15

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this case, including the OAL case file and the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement reached by the parties. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to file a Final Agency Decision is March 18, 2016 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10, which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject, or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of receipt. The Initial Decision was received on February 2, 2016.

This appeal stems from United Healthcare's decision to reduce Petitioner's personal care service hours from 21 to 14 hours per week. However, by Settlement Agreement filed with the Office of Administrative Law, the parties

agreed to amicably resolve this controversy whereby United Healthcare agreed to provide 18 hours of services per week pending the next assessment or upon a change in Petitioner's condition.

The ALJ approved the Settlement Agreement because it was consistent with the law, fully disposed of all issues in controversy and was voluntarily entered into by both parties, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

I agree with the ALJ's conclusions regarding the Settlement Agreement and ADOPT the Initial Decision as based upon substantial credible evidence and consistent with applicable law.

THEREFORE, it is on this 25th day of February 2016,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision approving the Settlement Agreement in this matter is hereby ADOPTED.


Meghan Davey, Director
Division of Medical Assistance
and Health Services